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Group Art Unit No.: 1648
Class-Subclass 424-192100

REMARKS

In reviewing this application after they received the Notice of Allowance dated January 15, 2003, the Applicants noticed they had never received an initialed PTO-1449 Form from the USPTO. During a telephone conversation on March 26, 2003, Examiner Li informed the Applicants' undersigned agent that she most likely considered the references listed on this PTO-1449 form and initialed the form. Although, due to the USPTO's after allowance procedures, Examiner Li indicated that she was unable to locate the file to fax the initialed forms back to the Applicants. For the completeness of the Applicants' file, they respectfully request continued examination so that Examiner Li may initial the attached PTO-1449 Form and send this form back to the Applicants' undersigned agent. The Applicants also request consideration of the references in this PTO-1449 Form if appropriate. No new matter is introduced by the above request.

DRAWINGS

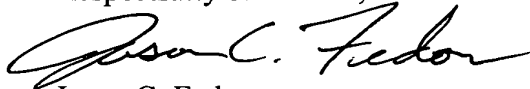
The Applicants submit herewith drawings in acknowledgement of the objections in the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review. The Applicants corrected the left margin in Figure 1 to comply with requirements of §37 CFR 1.84(g) Margins. The Applicants also complied with the uniform thickness requirements of character of lines, numbers, & letters in Figures 1 to 6, as required by §37 CFR 1.84(l) and §37 CFR 1.84(p) Numbers, Letters, & Reference Characters. No new matter is introduced by the above amendments. The Applicants respectfully requests approval of these drawings.

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This request for continued examination is made prior to payment and filing of the issue fee. The Examiner is invited to please contact the undersigned agent at the number indicated below if there are any questions or comments regarding this request for continued examination.

If any additional fees or charges are necessary, or required by this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-2570 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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